

House Resolution 558

By: Representatives Epps of the 128th and Smith of the 70th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Grady B. Vaughn; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Grady B. Vaughn has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Vaughn was born in 1927 in Heard County, Georgia, the beloved son
6 of Lee and Josie Vaughn; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Reverend Vaughn was called by the Lord in 1959 to lead the congregation of
8 Russell Temple A.M.E. Church as the church's first pastor and founder, where he faithfully
9 served for 44 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the pulpit, Reverend Vaughn returned to school to
11 earn his GED at age 73, an accomplishment he is greatly proud to have achieved; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a community leader, Reverend Vaughn has been a member of Newnan Lodge
13 #299 for 57 years and served as a board member of Certified Literacy Is Coweta's Key; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Reverend Vaughan was chosen to serve as the Grand Marshall of the Martin
15 Luther King, Jr. Parade in 2007; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades from organizations
17 such as the NAACP, the Newnan Health Care Service Program, the American Heart
18 Association, the United Supreme Council PHA, and the Georgia Council of Deliberation of
19 the United Supreme Council; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Vaughn has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Minnie
21 Potts Vaughn, for 65 wonderful years, and he has been blessed with four children, nine
22 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
25 on behalf of persons in need.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Grady B. Vaughn on his dedicated service
28 to his congregation and community and extend best wishes for many more years of
29 successful fellowship and leadership.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Grady B. Vaughn.